

**APPLICATION FOR THE CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION FUND
SUMMARY SHEET**

APPLICANT: GREEN TOWNSHIP **CODE #** 061-3172
(If Unknown Call OPWC)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 2 **COUNTY:** HAMILTON **DATE** 7/14/06

CONTACT: KEVIN CELAREK **PHONE #** (513) 574-4848 (THE PROJECT CONTACT PERSON SHOULD BE THE INDIVIDUAL WHO WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING BUSINESS HOURS AND WHO CAN BEST ANSWER OR COORDINATE THE RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS)

FAX: (513) 574-6260 **E-MAIL** kcelarek@greentwp.org

PROJECT NAME: Jonkard / I-74 Greenway Acquisition

ELIGIBLE APPLICANT

(Check Only 1)

- ☐ A. County (1)
☐ B. City (2)
☒ C. Township (3)
☐ D. Village(4)
☐ E. Conservancy District (6)
☐ F. Soil & Water

☐ G. Joint Recreational District (8)
☐ H. Park District/Authority (9)
☐ I. Nonprofit Organization (10)
☐ J. Other _____ (11)

PROJECT TYPE

(Check Largest Component)

- ☒ A. Open Space (7)

☐ B. Riparian Corridor (8)

PRIMARY PROJECT EMPHASIS 4

Conservation District (7)
(Choose a category from Attachment A which most closely describes your primary project emphasis.)

ESTIMATED TOTAL

PROJECT COST (from 1.1f): \$76,000.00

CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION

FUNDING REQUESTED: (from 1.2e) \$53,200.00

NRAC APPROVAL - To be completed by the NRAC Committee ONLY

GRANT: \$ _____

FOR OPWC USE ONLY

PROJECT NUMBER: _____

APPROVED FUNDING: \$ _____

Local Participation _____ %

Project Release Date: _____

Clean Ohio Fund Participation _____ %

1.0 PROJECT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1.1	PROJECT ESTIMATED COSTS:	TOTAL DOLLARS	In Kind Dollars
	(Round to Nearest Dollar)		(See definition in instructions.)
a.)	Acquisition Expenses:	\$ <u>71,500.00</u>	_____
	Fee Simple Purchase	\$ <u>71,500.00</u>	
	Easement Purchase	\$ _____	
	Other Earnest Money	\$ _____	
b.)	Planning and Implementation:	\$ <u>4,500.00</u>	\$ <u>850.00</u>
	Appraisal	\$ <u>250.00</u>	(Clean Ohio Fund
	Closing Costs	\$ _____	application
	Title Search	\$ <u>600.00</u>	preparation by
	Environmental		Land Conservancy
	Assessments	\$ <u>1,400.00*</u>	of Hamilton County)
	Design	\$ _____	
	Other Eligible		
	Costs (Survey)	\$ <u>2,250.00</u>	
c.)	Construction or Enhancement of		
	Facilities:	\$ <u>0.00</u>	_____
d.)	Permits, Advertising, Legal:	\$ <u>0.00</u>	_____
e.)	Contingencies:	\$ <u>0.00</u>	_____
	(not to exceed 10% of total costs)		
f.)	TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS:	\$ <u>76,000.00</u>	

* Includes request for 10 hours (\$300) for Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District assistance. (Stream assessment, riparian plant selection, hillside stability recommendations and noxious vegetation removal recommendations.)

1.2 PROJECT FINANCIAL RESOURCES:

(Round to Nearest Dollar and Percent)

	DOLLARS	%
a.) In-Kind Contributions (Please define)_____	\$_____	.00
b.) Applicant Contributions (Local Funds)	\$ 22,800.00	30%
c.) Other Public Revenues		
Nature Works	\$_____	.00
Land Water Conservation Fund	\$_____	.00
Ohio Environmental Protection Agcy	\$_____	.00
Ohio Water Development Authority	\$_____	.00
Community Dev Block Grant	\$_____	.00
Ohio Dept of Natural Resources	\$_____	.00
OTHER_____	\$_____	.00
d.) Private Contributions	\$_____	.00

SUBTOTAL LOCAL RESOURCES: \$ 22,800.00e.) **CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION FUND:** \$ 53,200.00 70%

Funds from another NRAC \$_____ .00

SUBTOTAL CLEAN OHIO RESOURCES: \$ 53,200.00f.) **TOTAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES:** \$ 76,000.00 100%**1.3 AVAILABILITY OF LOCAL FUNDS:**

Attach a statement signed by the Chief Financial Officer listed in section 4.2 certifying all local share funds required for the project will be available on or before the earliest date listed in the Project Schedule section.

Please list any partnership with other sources. (ie; is this part of a larger project or plan): NONE

2.0 PROJECT INFORMATION

If the project is multi-jurisdictional, information must be consolidated in this section.

X *Please check here if additional documentation is attached.*

2.1 BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION - (Sections A through E):

A: SPECIFIC LOCATION: See attached map

PROJECT COUNTY: Hamilton **PROJECT ZIP CODE:** 45247

B: PROJECT COMPONENTS: Please describe the various project components.

See Attached

C: PROJECT EMPHASIS AS DEFINED BY SECTIONS 164.22 (A) (B) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND LISTED IN APPENDIX A: Please describe.

See Attached

D: DEFINE TERMS OF EASEMENTS:

PLEASE REFER TO SECTION 164.26 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.

See Attached

E: INFORMATION REGARDING PUBLIC ACCESS

Where is the access located? Is it open to the general public or are there restrictions? What are the hours of availability? Will the general public be given the opportunity to participate in the planning of the project?

See Attached

2.2 OWNERSHIP/MANAGEMENT/OPERATION: Please address.

See Attached

Attachment – JONKARD LANE / I-74 GREENWAY ACQUISITION

2.0 PROJECT INFORMATION

2.1 BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION (Sections A through E)

A: SPECIFIC LOCATION

This project's address is 5161 Jonkard Lane (off Valley Ridge Rd. off Harrison Ave.) midway between the Rybolt Rd. and North Bend Rd. interchanges on I-74 in Green Township. It is located immediately above the south branch of Taylor Creek as it flows northeast along Reemelin Rd. to Johnson Rd. and through a culvert under I-74. Hamilton County Auditor parcel # is 550-0193-0145-00. (**Exhibit 1: Location Map**).

PROJECT COUNTY: Hamilton

PROJECT ZIP: 45247

B: PROJECT COMPONENTS

The proposed project involves fee simple acquisition of a 4.765-acre forested hillside parcel that is predominately 30 percent slopes, located in the Taylor Creek watershed. Its dense tree canopy is visible in the I-74 Scenic Greenway, as well as from Johnson and Haft Roads.

The project includes natural habitat protection, the preservation of a natural stream and its riparian corridor, the preservation of steep hillsides of 30 percent and more, and the preservation of connecting corridors of undeveloped lands in the watershed of I-74.

The project is located in the immediate vicinity of three preserved properties: the privately-owned 9.5-acre Ettensohn Preserve (protected by a Conservation Easement held by the Land Conservancy) which abuts the 3.4-acre Mary Gold Preserve (protected by a COCS grant in 2005) and the 1.3-acre Preserve (protected by Green Township).

Together these parcels will protect a significant hillside above the converging branches of Taylor Creek, and provides three-eighths of a mile (2005 linear ft.) of riparian buffer. (**Exhibit 3A: Terrain Map and Exhibit 3B: Slope Map**)

A Contract to Purchase the property has been signed, and is included in this application. Green Township will provide the 30 percent match to purchase the property, and hold title to and manage the property in perpetuity. (**Exhibit 2: Purchase Agreement**)

Action must be taken now to protect this property because the owner, Craftmark Homes LLC (a division of Huff Realty) plans to develop this land, and has had it surveyed for subdivision and sewer placement. Originally a 6.43-acre wooded property, approx. 2 acres were recently subdivided into 4 lots that are being marketed to the public. The new Valley Ridge Rd. public sewer line is available to the site.

C: PROJECT EMPHASIS

The project preserves high quality, viable habitat for plant and animal species: Meeting both Open Space and Riparian Corridor criteria, the project provides stream protection as it preserves steep slopes that descend from a ridge above Taylor Creek, providing a 720 linear ft. riparian buffer. The property is part of a larger ecosystem and

wildlife corridor, providing excellent habitat for animals and birds. Two ravines have rock and mud bottoms, providing good salamander breeding pools during late winter and early spring. The understory is relatively free of invasives. The forest is successional, approximately 30 to 40 years old, with some trees much older. It includes Beech, Spruce, Maple, Ash, Oak, Shagbark Hickory, Black Walnut, Hackberry, Ohio Buckeye, Sycamore and Cedar. Many specimens are 24 in. or greater in diameter.

This project acquires land for a hillside natural area, and for connecting corridors in the I-74 Scenic Greenway. It is a section of the wildlife and scenic corridor that runs along I-74 from Mt. Airy Forest through Western Hamilton County to the state line with Indiana.

It preserves threatened land and water resources that define the natural character of the area, protecting the treasured quality of life and heritage of Green Township, and the State of Ohio.

This project is a fee simple acquisition of land to provide access to a riparian corridor: This project preserves the south branch of Taylor Creek, a perennial tributary to the Great Miami River. With the permanent protection of this property, three-eighths of a mile of riparian corridor along Taylor Creek's converging streams at Johnson and Haft Roads would be protected. (Three adjacent riparian properties are already preserved.)

In its forested, undeveloped state, the hillside property provides a substantial buffer to the stream channel, preserving streamside forest functions that provide many environmental benefits. These include improving water quality, protecting aquatic biological communities, allowing for flood storage, nutrient absorption and groundwater recharge.

In its protected state, the streamside forest helps preserve Taylor Creek. It provides a natural buffer that helps regulate the flow of the stream, protecting it from erosion and downstream flooding. Tree root systems stabilize the banks while allowing undercutting by the stream, thus providing cover among the submerged roots for many aquatic species.

The project preserves steep hillsides with slopes of 30 percent or greater:

This is a pristine parcel that is dominated by two deep ravines. Between are steep hillsides with an 80 ft. vertical drop in elevation. The property terminates to the East at the Taylor Creek embankment. With the exception of a small ridgetop area, the parcel's steep hillsides are 30 percent or greater. The slopes increase to 63 percent as they descend to Taylor Creek. (**Exhibit 3A:** Terrain Map and **Exhibit 3B:** CAGIS Slopes)

The project contains highly erodible EcE soils:

The entire, irregularly-shaped parcel contains EcE soils composed of Eden silty clay loam. This moderately deep, well-drained soil is found on hillsides and uplands, and are dissected by shallow drainage ways. The soil is generally unsuited to use as a site for buildings, as has been proposed for this site. The preservation of this property will maintain the environmental integrity of this forested, steep hillside, and reduce soil erosion potential, and continue to provide an excellent buffer for Taylor Creek.

(**Exhibit 4A:** Soil Survey of Hamilton County, Ohio and **Exhibit 4B:** CAGIS Soil Map)

The project preserves undeveloped lands along viewsheds of a major highway and transportation corridor: Interstate 74 through Western Hamilton County, and also semi-rural Haft and Johnson Roads. The property is an identified feature of the I-74 Scenic Greenway, a conservation project of Green Township, The Land Conservancy of Hamilton County, Ohio and the Hamilton County Park District.

The Jonkard Lane project protects a fragile hillside that buffers Taylor Creek and provides important wildlife habitat. This and other scenic lands of Green Township along I-74 are under intense development pressure. The extension of sewer lines in the township, including the Valley Ridge Rd. sewer line which is accessed by Jonkard Lane properties, is sparking commercial and residential development in the immediate area. The semi-rural area is being stripped of its tree cover and the many scenic, aesthetic, economic and environmental benefits it provides. (**Exhibit 5A: USGS Map** and **Exhibit 5B: CAGIS 2 ft. Contours**)

This project is an acquisition of connecting corridors for wildlife habitat and scenic views: This parcel will be part of the growing chain of I-74 scenic parcels. It also protects natural habitat and contributes to an important E-W corridor for wildlife migration.

The connectivity of already-preserved parcels will be increased with the completion of the project. Since 2001, Green Township, Hamilton County Park District and the Land Conservancy have protected scenic views in the I-74 Greenway.

Green Township currently holds title to 5 parcels in the I-74 Greenway, and has protected the adjacent Mary Gold Preserve and West Fork Preserve through successful applications to the 2005 Clean Ohio Conservation Fund. The Land Conservancy owns one parcel in the Greenway, and holds Conservation Easements protecting two privately-owned parcels. (**Exhibit 6: I-74 Scenic Greenway / Green Township Properties**)

The scope of the I-74 Greenway project covers the entire 19-mile interstate in Ohio, linking 5 townships and 2 municipalities in western Hamilton County. It crosses 6.5 miles through northern Green Township. (**Exhibit 7: Green Township Greenspace Plan**)

The undeveloped lands of the Greenway are a great natural amenity that provides countless public benefits: scenic, open space, heritage, economic, ecological, recreational and wildlife habitat. It connects three major parks: Mt. Airy Forest in Cincinnati, Mitchell Memorial Forest in Miami Township, and Miami-Whitewater Forest in Crosby Township. (**Exhibit 8: I-74 Greenway Project in Western Hamilton County**)

Attached are two letters of support for this project from Green Township's partners in protecting scenic properties in the I-74 Greenway: The Land Conservancy of Hamilton County (**Exhibit 9A**), and Hamilton County Park District (**Exhibit 9B**)

Two additional letters of support are attached: The Hillside Trust (conservation organization) (**Exhibit 9C**) and Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District (county agency) (**Exhibit 9D**).

The project provides access to natural areas with multiple recreational, economic and aesthetic preservation benefits:

It links connecting corridors of greenspace that provide scenic views of great importance to the public. The project provides a partition between land uses, mitigates noise and air pollution, and acts as a travel corridor for wildlife. The tree canopy on the site forms a visual and physical relief in the landscape, enhancing valued "quality of place" of Green Township.

Economic benefits abound. According to a study by Michigan State University, during a 50-year lifetime of one tree, \$31,000 worth of oxygen is produced; \$62,000 worth of air pollution control is provided; \$37,500 worth of water is recycled; and erosion control is valued at \$31,500. Properties located adjacent to preserved natural areas can increase in value by up to 15 percent or more, according to the National Arbor Day Foundation. Supervised recreational and educational opportunities will be available in this project that can be accessed by the public. **(Exhibits 10A and 10B)**

This project is in concert with publicly-adopted township and county plans, supporting comprehensive open space planning by the 1. Hamilton County, 2. Green Township, and 3. Hamilton County Park District.

1. Hamilton County's COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN AND STRATEGIES (Community COMPASS), adopted by Hamilton County Commissioners in Nov. 2003, has four major goals including "Balancing Development and the Environment." The first object within this goal is to "preserve, restore, and manage natural resources so as to enhance the unique character of the county." Further, Hamilton County's GREENSPACE CONCEPT PLAN, adopted in Nov. 2004, and included in the COMPASS 2030 Plan and Implementation Framework, identifies the I-74 corridor in western Hamilton County as an important "Greenbelt" area.

2. The proposed acquisition preserves steep hillsides with predominately 30 percent slopes, and is among sites identified in the "Environmentally Sensitive Areas" study and map of the WESTERN HAMILTON COUNTY COLLABORATIVE PLAN FOR 2020 (WHCCP). This plan, adopted by Green Township Trustees in Feb. 2000, recommends protection of "environmentally sensitive areas (rivers, streams, aquifer, floodplain, groundwater pollution potential, steep slopes of more than 25 percent)." The WHCCP also recommends protecting stream corridors through acquisition of adjacent land.

3. The "I-74 Greenway Study Corridor" is outlined in the HAMILTON COUNTY PARK DISTRICT's "Potential Greenspace Preservation Opportunities" plan (2002) as a "Potential Greenspace Cooperation Area." **(Exhibit 11: Hamilton County Potential Greenspace Preservation Opportunities)**

D: DEFINE TERMS OF EASEMENT

Green Township will conform to the long-term ownership and control requirements of the Ohio Public Works Commission. Green Township will record a conservation

easeement or deed restriction with the appropriate entity.

E: INFORMATION REGARDING PUBLIC ACCESS

The site is visible to the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week year-round to enjoy its scenic beauty and the many public benefits it provides.

Because of the challenging topography, supervised physical access to the site by the public — such as youth or conservation groups — will be from Jonkard Lane, or with permission of private property owners.

The public will continue to be involved in the planning for this project. Members of the general public, including community groups, have contributed to I-74 Scenic Greenway planning since 2001, and have also contributed financially to acquire property.

2.2 OWNERSHIP / MANAGEMENT / OPERATION

Green Township will own and manage the property in perpetuity. Green Township has inspected this property and it is our opinion that it is a pristine natural area. As owners, we will steward the land according to established Green Township maintenance practices.

The site will be preserved as a natural wooded area and will have no development or trails. Upon receiving the grant, a Phase I environmental assessment will be completed in order to establish a baseline of information. The township will have the property professionally surveyed with monument stakes placed to identify its boundaries. It will be inspected on a regular basis, as are other Green Township parks and natural areas, to assure that vandals do not degrade it.

Green Township has successfully completed numerous land acquisition projects for public parks and natural areas, and currently owns and stewards 5 major parks with recreational facilities open year-round, and recently purchased 4 properties for future parks. In addition, Green Township owns and operates Nathanael Greene Lodge and a Senior Citizens Center, facilities that are open year-round for public use.

Green Township has purchased and maintains 3 parcels as natural areas in the I-74 Greenway. With its successful application to the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund in 2005, Green Township has added the West Fork Rd. property, and is in the process of adding the Mary Gold / I-74 property to its holdings. And, the township has also purchased 5 additional small parcels located throughout the township, and is in the process of restoring them as open space and natural areas to benefit all residents.

3.0 PROJECT SCHEDULE:*

	BEGIN DATE	END DATE
3.1 Planning and Implementation:		
3.2 Land Acquisition/Easements	<u>7/31/06</u>	<u>12/31/06</u>
3.3 Site Improvements:	<u>/ /</u>	<u>/ /</u>

* Failure to meet project schedule may result in termination of agreement for approved projects. Modification of dates must be requested in writing by a project official of record and approved by the commission once the Project Agreement has been executed.

4.0 PROJECT OFFICIALS:

4.1	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	Kevin Celarek
	TITLE	Green Township Administrator
	STREET	6303 Harrison Avenue
	CITY/ZIP	Cincinnati, OH 45247-7818
	PHONE	(513) 574-4848
	FAX	(513) 574 6260
	E-MAIL	kcelarek@greentwp.org
4.2	CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	Thomas J. Straus
	TITLE	Green Township Clerk
	STREET	6303 Harrison Avenue
	CITY/ZIP	Cincinnati, OH 45247-7818
	PHONE	(513) 574-4848
	FAX	(513) 574 6260
	E-MAIL	tstraus@greentwp.org
4.3	PROJECT MANAGER	Fred B. Schlimm
	TITLE	Director of Public Services
	STREET	6303 Harrison Avenue
	CITY/ZIP	Cincinnati, OH 45247-7818
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	E-MAIL	fschlimm@greentwp.org

Changes in Project Officials must be submitted in writing from the CEO or CFO.

5.0 ATTACHMENTS/COMPLETENESS REVIEW:

In order that your application may be processed in a timely fashion, please submit your application on 8 2 by 11 white paper with dark ink so that it may be copied for others. It is understood that some items may not conform to this request such as large maps and photographs. Please feel free to include these items.

Confirm in the blocks [] below that each item listed is attached.

- [X] A certified copy of the authorization by the governing body of the applicant authorizing a designated official to sign and submit this application and execute contracts. This individual should sign under 6.0, Applicant Certification, below.
- [X] A certification signed by the applicant's chief financial officer stating all local share funds required for the project will be available on or before the dates listed in the Project Schedule section.
- [X] A formal detailed estimate of the project=s costs provided by an architect, landscape architect, or other professional. For land acquisition, an appraisal by a State-certified general real estate appraiser, as defined under ORC 4763 for the type of land being appraised will need to be submitted to the NRAC prior to closing.
- [NA] A cooperation agreement (if the project involves more than one entity) which identifies the fiscal and administrative responsibilities of each participant.
- [X] Resolution of Support (Please refer to section 164.23(B)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code for guidance.)
- [NA] Identification of any participation by state agencies that will provide to this particular project and that will provide assistance with respect to the project.
- [X] Information concerning the coordination of the project among local political subdivisions, state agencies, federal agencies, community organizations, conservation organizations, and local business groups.
- [X] Supporting Documentation: Materials such as additional project description, photographs, and/or other information to assist your NRAC in ranking your project. Be sure to include supplements which may be required by your *local* NRAC.
- [X] Have you reviewed your NRAC=s methodology to see that you have addressed all components?

6.0 APPLICANT CERTIFICATION:

The undersigned certifies: (1) he/she is legally authorized to request and accept financial assistance from the Ohio Public Works Commission; (2) to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, all representations that are part of this application are true and correct; (3) all official documents and commitments of the applicant that are part of this application have been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant; and, (4) should the requested financial assistance be provided, that in the execution of this project, the applicant will comply with all assurances required by Ohio Law, including those involving Buy Ohio and prevailing wages.

Applicant certifies that the project, as defined in the application, has NOT resulted in any transfer of title or rights to land or begun any type of physical improvements prior to the execution of a Project Agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission. Action to the contrary will result in termination of the agreement and withdrawal of Ohio Public Works Commission funding.

KEVIN CELAREK, Green Township Administrator

Original Signature/Date Signed

ATTACHMENT A

PROJECT EMPHASIS

NOTE: IF THE PROJECT HAS MORE THAN ONE EMPHASIS, PLEASE PLACE A A1" IN THE CATEGORY THAT IS THE PRIMARY EMPHASIS, A A2" IN THE CATEGORY WITH SECONDARY EMPHASIS, AND A A3" IN THE CATEGORY WITH THIRD EMPHASIS.

OPEN SPACE

- ☐ 1. Protects habitat for rare, threatened and endangered species
- ☐ 2. Increases habitat protection
- ☐ 3. Reduces or eliminates nonnative, invasive species of plants or animals
- 1** ☐ 4. Preserves high quality, viable habitat for plant and animal species
- ☐ 5. Restores and preserves aquatic biological communities
- ☐ 6. Preserves headwater streams
- ☐ 7. Preserves or restores floodplain and streamside forest functions
- ☐ 8. Preserves or restores water quality
- 4** ☐ 9. Preserves or restores natural stream channels
- ☐ 10. Preserves or restores functioning floodplains
- ☐ 11. Preserves or restores wetlands
- 3** ☐ 12. Preserves or restores streamside forests
- 8** ☐ 13. Preserves or restores other natural features that contribute to quality of life and state=s natural heritage

RIPARIAN CORRIDOR

- 2** ☐ 14. Fee simple acquisition of lands to provide access to riparian corridors or watersheds
- ☐ 15. Acquisition of easements for protecting and enhancing riparian corridors or watersheds
- ☐ 16. Reforestation of land
- ☐ 17. Planting vegetation for filtration
- ☐ 18. Incorporates aesthetically pleasing and ecologically informed design
- ☐ 19. Enhances educational opportunities and provides physical links to schools and after school centers
- 5** ☐ 20. Acquisition of connecting corridors
- 6** ☐ 21. Supports comprehensive open space planning
- 7** ☐ 22. Provides multiple recreational, economic and aesthetic preservation benefits
- ☐ 23. Allows proper management of areas where safe hunting and trapping may take place in a manner that will preserve balanced natural ecosystems.
- ☐ 24. Enhances economic development that relies on recreational and ecotourism in areas of relatively high unemployment and lower incomes

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Board of Trustees:
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Fiscal Officer:
Tom Straus

RESOLUTION NO. 06-0710-G

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY
FOR PUBLIC PARK AND GREENSPACE PURPOSES

BY THE BOARD:

WHEREAS, the Board believes it is in the best interest of the citizens of Green Township that land be purchased in order to provide public park and greenspace areas; and

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized to purchase real property for such purposes under Section 505.26 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, negotiations have been conducted with the owner of property located at 5161 Jonkard Lane, which property is listed in Hamilton County Auditor's Book 550, Page 193, Parcel 145, and the property owner has agreed to transfer said property to the Board in return for the Board paying the sum of \$71,500.00;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Green Township that the Township shall purchase real property located at 5161 Jonkard Lane, Green Township (being found in Hamilton County Auditor's Book 550, Page 193, Parcel 145), for the sum of \$71,500.00; subject to the receipt of a grant from the Clean Ohio Conservation Program, administered by the Ohio Public Works Commission, in the amount of 70% of the purchase price.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs the Township Attorney to draft a Purchase Agreement for said purchase, and authorizes the Township Administrator or Chairman of the Board of Trustees to sign all documents in connection with the real estate transaction.

ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Township Trustees of Green Township, Hamilton County, Ohio the 10th day of July, 2006.

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Fiscal Officer:
Tom Straus


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file applications with the Ohio Public Works Commission, and to enter into any agreements that may be appropriate and necessary for obtaining the financial assistance from the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund, and to provide all information

and documentation required in said application for submission to the Ohio Public Works Commission.

ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Township Trustees of Green Township, Hamilton County, Ohio the 10th day of July, 2006.

Certification of Fiscal Officer

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcription of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees in session this 10th day of July, 2006.



Thomas J. Straus
Green Township Fiscal Officer
Hamilton County, Ohio

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RESOLUTION NO. 06-0710-F
AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR GRANT FROM

THE CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION FUND

FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT 5161 JONKARD LANE

BY THE BOARD:

WHEREAS, the Trustees are authorized under Section 505.26 of the Ohio Revised Code to purchase real property for public park and greenspace purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees desire financial assistance under the Clean Ohio Conservation Program, administered by the Ohio Public Works Commission, in order to enable the Board to purchase real property located at 5161 Jonkard Lane and listed in Hamilton County Auditor's Book 550, Page 193, Parcel 145, which consists of approximately 4.75 acres; and

WHEREAS, the Board has executed an agreement with the owner of said property for its purchase subject to receipt of a grant from the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund of an amount equal to 70 percent of the project costs; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that the estimated total project costs for this purchase will be \$77,500.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Green Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, that an application for a grant from the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund shall be submitted for the I-74 Riparian Corridor Acquisition, being the property at 5161 Jonkard Lane listed in Hamilton County Auditor's Book 550, Page 193, Parcel 145, which has an estimated total project cost of \$77,500.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Trustees agree to obligate the funds that are required to satisfactorily complete this project in order to be eligible for the Clean Ohio Conservation Program financial assistance in the amount of 70 percent of the total project costs;

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Straus", written over a horizontal line.

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Fiscal Officer:
Tom Straus

Clean Ohio Conservation Program
Jonkard/ I-74 Greenway Acquisition
\$22,800.00

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the money to meet the above obligation has been lawfully appropriated for such purposes, and is in the treasury, or in the process of collection to be credited to the proper fund and free from any previous or outstanding obligation, encumbrance or certification as required by Section 5705.41 Ohio Revised Code.



Thomas J. Straus
Green Township Fiscal Officer
Date: 7/1/06

BIGNER APPRAISAL, LLC.

CERTIFIED GENERAL REAL ESTATE APPRAISER

3407 NORTH BEND ROAD * CINCINNATI, OH 45239

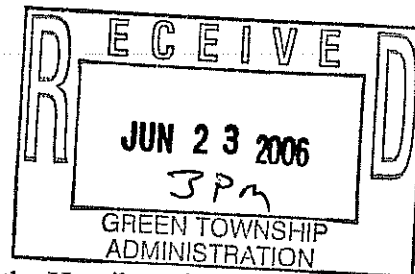
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Mr. Kevin Celarek
Green Township Administrator
6303 Harrison Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45247

June 23, 2006

RE: 5161 JONKARD LANE
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45247

Dear Mr. Celarek:



The parcel of property captioned above and identified in the Hamilton County Auditor's Book 550, Plat 193, Parcel 145 has been inspected, researched and valued pursuant to your request.

The parcel is zoned Residential A-2 and the site size measures 4.7649 +/- acres. The available public utilities include water, electric and natural gas. The site shows frontage on Johnson Road. The frontage along Jonkard Lane is accessed by a one lane gravel covered driveway. The topography of the site rises sharply from Johnson Road toward the west of the site making access for ingress and egress difficult.

A review of the subject's immediate market area shows substantial new home development and directly across the street from the subject there are new homes situated on sites with a difficult terrain similar to the subject.


With consideration for recent property transfers of vacant land sales in the subject's market area, the subject site will have an estimated value per acre at \$15,500.

Therefore:	4.7649 Acres x \$15,500 per acre =	\$73,955
	Call	\$74,000

ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE.....\$74,000

The information and research obtained for this valuation is retained in my files and it can be reviewed upon a request for additional documentation or clarification.

Respectfully submitted,


Robert J. Bigner
Certified Real Estate Appraiser

Attachments:

AUDITOR'S PLAT MAP

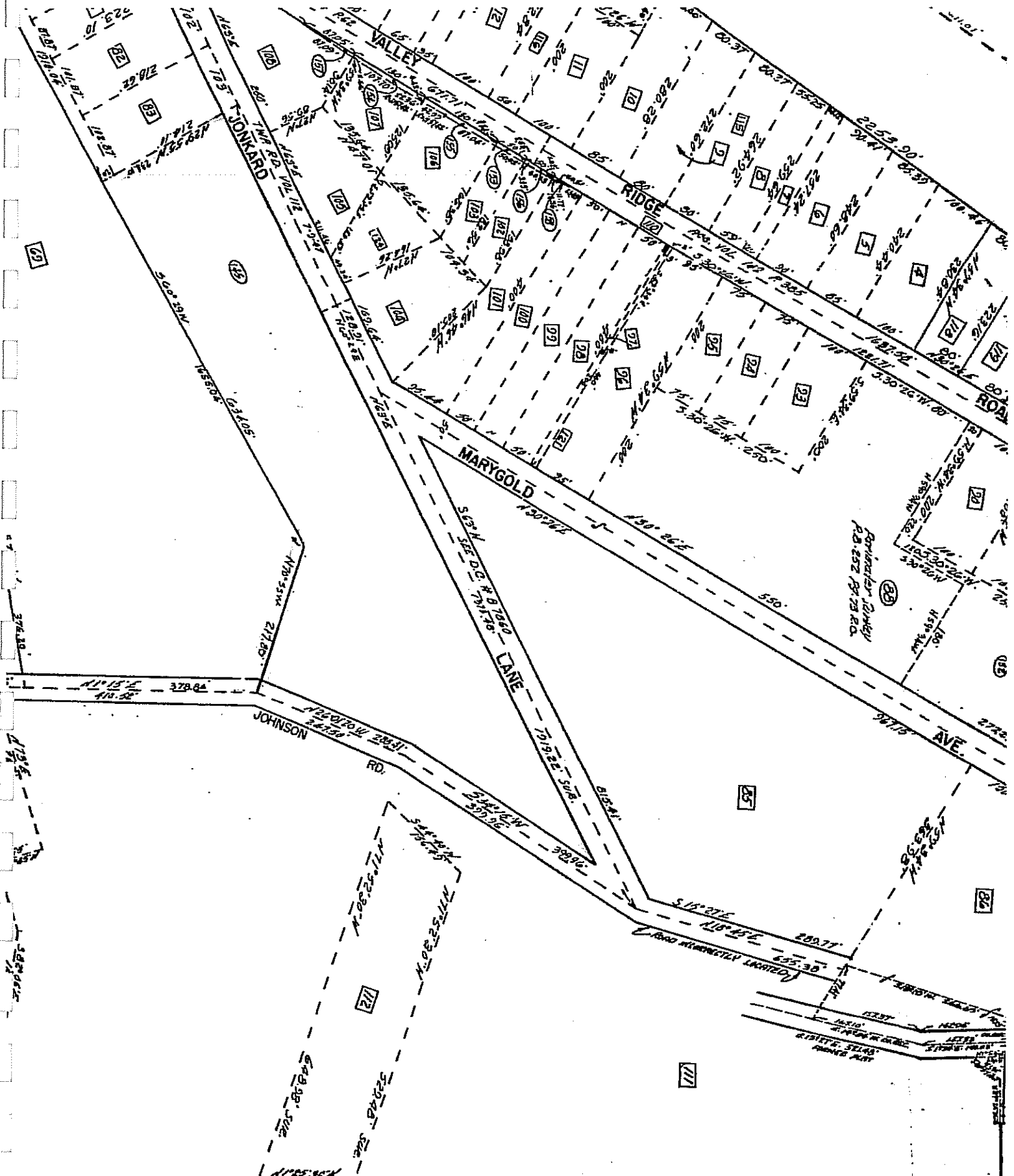
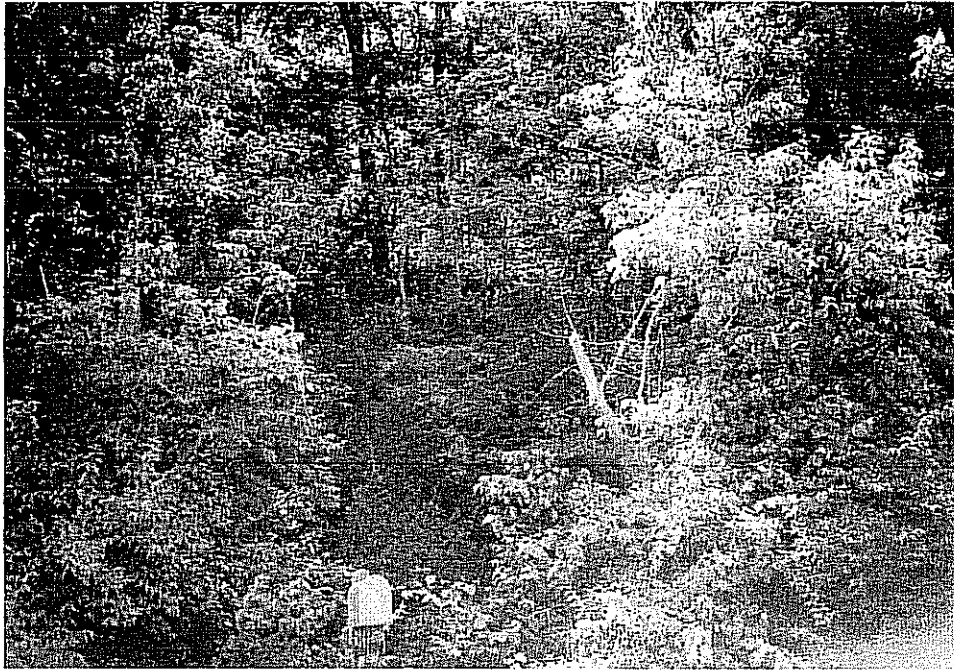


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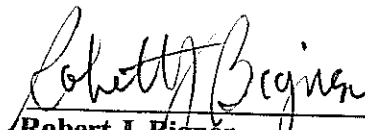
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CERTIFICATION

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- The statements of fact contained in this report are true and correct.
- The reported analysis, opinions and conclusions are my personal, unbiased professional analysis, opinions and conclusions.
- My compensation is not contingent upon the reporting of a predetermined value or direction in value that favors the cause of the client, the amount of value estimate, the attainment of a stipulated result, or the occurrence of a subsequent event.
- No one provided significant professional assistance to the person signing this report.



Robert J. Bigner
Certified Real Estate Appraiser

APPRAISER DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 4763.12 (C)

1. Name of Appraiser: **Robert J. Bigner**

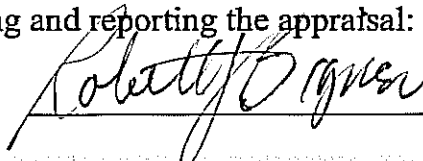
2. Class of Certification/Licensure: ☒ Certified General
☐ Licensed Residential
☐ Temporary ☐ General ☐ Licensed

Certification/Licensure Number: 382378

3. Scope: This report ☒ is within the scope of my Certification or License
☐ is not within the scope of my Certification or License

4. Service Provided By: ☒ Disinterested & Unbiased Third Party
☐ Interested & Biased Third Party
☐ Interested Third Party on Contingent Fee Basis

5. Signature of person preparing and reporting the appraisal:



This form must be included in conjunction with all appraisal assignments or specialized services performed by a state-certified or state licensed real estate appraiser.

Jonkard Lane / I-74 Greenway

Exhibits

Jonkard Parcel Location Map

Green Twp.
Hamilton
County,
Ohio

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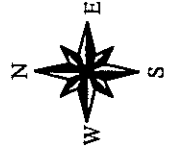
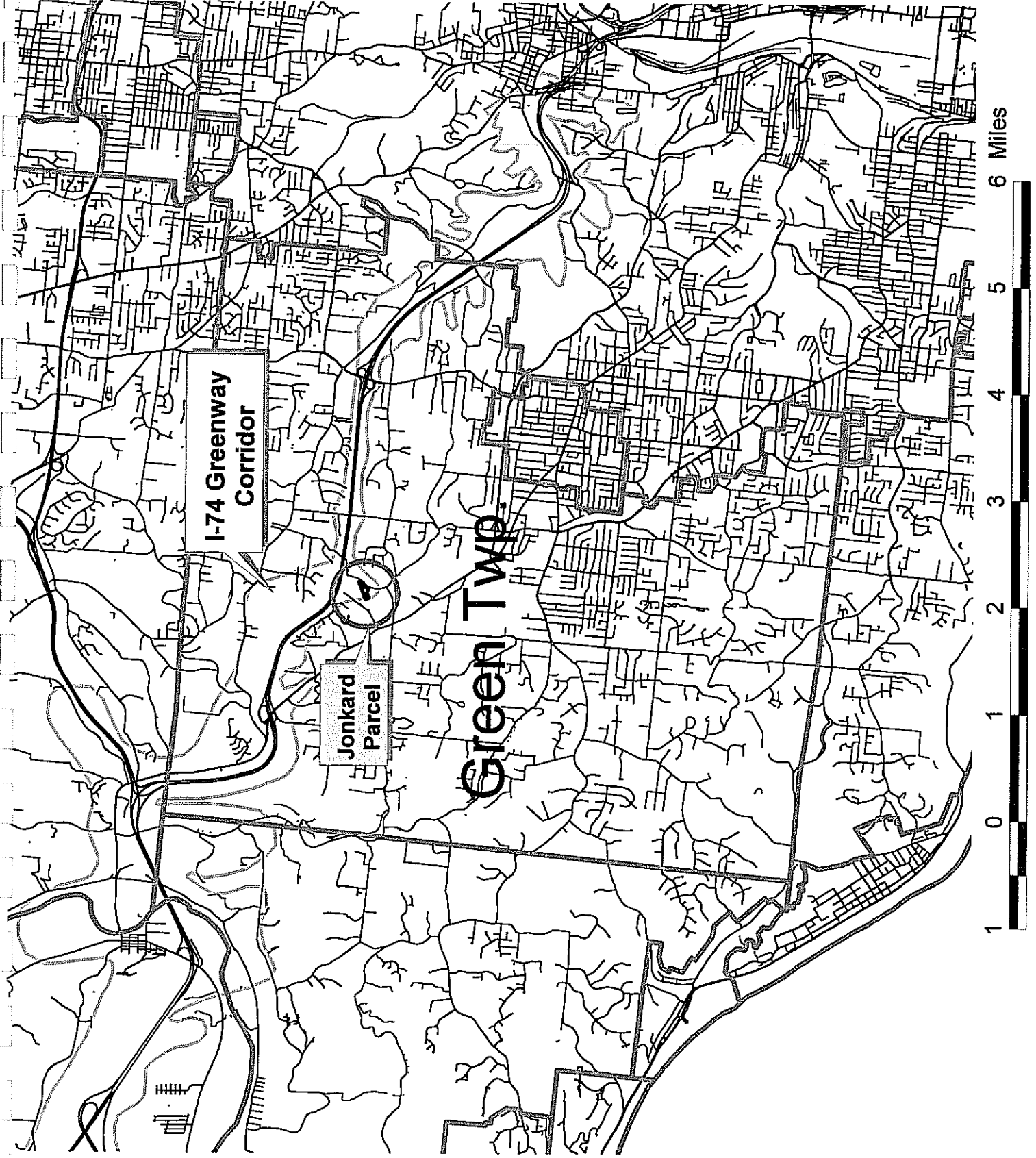


Exhibit 1



PURCHASE AGREEMENT

CRAFTMARK HOMES LLC (hereinafter referred to as "Seller") and GREEN TOWNSHIP, County of Hamilton, Ohio, acting through its Board of Township Trustees (hereinafter referred to as "Purchaser"), agree as follows:

1. Recitals

A. Seller is the owner of real property located at 5161 Jonkard Lane in Green Township, Hamilton County, Ohio and listed in Hamilton County Auditor's Book 550, Page 193, Parcel 145, which consists of approximately 4.7649.

B. Purchaser desires to purchase the property, and Seller desires to sell said real property to Purchaser on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

2. Sale of Property

Seller shall sell to Purchaser and Purchaser shall purchase from Seller the real property, together with any easements, rights-of-way and appurtenances belonging or in any way appertaining thereto, upon the terms and conditions set forth herein. The sale shall further be subject to easements and restrictions of record.

3. Terms

A. The purchase price shall be the sum of Seventy One Thousand Five Hundred (\$71,500.00) Dollars.

B. The entire purchase price shall be paid to Seller by the Purchaser's good and sufficient warrant upon final settlement and delivery of deed.

4. Title.

Title to said real property shall be conveyed by deed of general warranty, in fee simple, with release of dower, if any, on or before the 31st day of October, 2006, free, clear and unencumbered, as of the date of closing, except restrictions and easements of record. Seller agrees that the closing may be delayed due to contingencies set out hereafter, and will agree to a reasonable extension of time on the closing date if necessary.

5. Taxes and Assessments.

Seller shall pay or credit on the purchase price, all real estate taxes for years prior to the closing, and a portion of such taxes for the year of closing, prorated through the date of closing. Proration of undetermined taxes shall be based on a 365 day year and on the last available tax rate and valuation, and the amounts so computed and adjusted shall be final. In addition, in the event that said property presently has an agricultural use, which use affects the real estate taxes, then Seller shall pay or credit on the purchase price all taxes that may be recaptured under the agricultural tax program. Subject to the foregoing, the Purchaser shall assume and agree to pay taxes and assessments, if any, thereafter.

6. Survey.

Purchaser may cause the real property to be surveyed, at its expense, in order to establish its boundaries with certitude; to verify that the real property is as portrayed in Purchaser's field inspection; and to ascertain whether any encroachments exist with respect thereto. In the event that the results of such survey are substantially different than the survey document provided by Seller to Purchaser previously, Purchaser may, by written notice thereof to Seller, terminate this Agreement; provided, however, that Seller shall have additional time, not to exceed thirty days from

the date of receipt of the termination notice, to effect a cure of the contingencies set forth in Section Eight of this Agreement and the aforesaid survey.

7. Seller's Certification.

Seller certifies to Purchaser that, to the best of Seller's knowledge (a) there are no pending orders or ordinances or resolutions that have been enacted or adopted authorizing work or improvements for which the real estate may be assessed, with no exceptions; (b) the real property is not located in an historic district; (c) the real property is not located in an Environmental Quality District; (d) no city, county or State orders have been served upon Seller requiring work to be done or improvements to be made which have not been performed, with no exceptions; and (e) the real property is free from contamination by hazardous substances (meaning and including all hazardous or toxic substances, wastes, materials, pollutants or contaminants, other similar substances, or materials regulated by applicable state or federal environmental laws). Seller further certifies that there presently exists no defects or conditions known to Seller which would adversely affect or materially impair the fitness of the real property for the purpose of its intended use.

8. Contingencies.

This contract shall be contingent upon the following, all of which are to be completed on or before September 30, 2006:

- (a) Survey of proposed land satisfactory to Purchaser. Cost of any such survey to be borne by Purchaser.
- (b) Results of an environmental assessment that are satisfactory to Purchaser. Cost of any such assessment to be borne by Purchaser.
- (c) A satisfactory title examination and review of easements and restrictions of record to which the real property is subject which will not adversely affect the

Purchaser's intended use of the premises. Cost of any such title examination and review to be borne by Purchaser.

- (d) Receipt by the Purchaser from the Clean Ohio Fund of a grant for seventy percent (70%) of the purchase price, based on an application to be submitted by the Purchaser to the Clean Ohio Fund prior to the July 15, 2006 application deadline, with the grant decision to be announced by the Clean Ohio Fund by September 30, 2006.

9. General Provisions.

- (a) This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Ohio;
- (b) All warranties, representations and covenants herein contained shall survive the closing and if said deed and this contract are inconsistent, the provisions of this contract shall control;
- (c) No real estate commission shall be due any broker as a result of this contract and closing.
- (d) All actions and deliberations of the Green Township Board of Trustees concerning and relating to the within Agreement were taken in open meetings of the Board, in compliance with all legal requirements, including (without implied limitation) Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22, except as otherwise permitted thereby. Furthermore, all actions by the Green Township Board of Trustees with respect to this Agreement are in total compliance with the Ohio Revised Code.

We hereby represent that we are ready, willing and able to carry out this offer.

Contingent upon sellers being able to pump severs on 4 remaining lots

Seller:

CRAFTMARK HOMES LLC

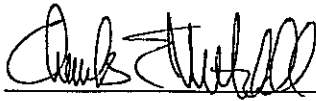
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by: *[Signature]*

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Purchaser:
GREEN TOWNSHIP
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

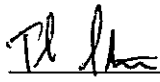
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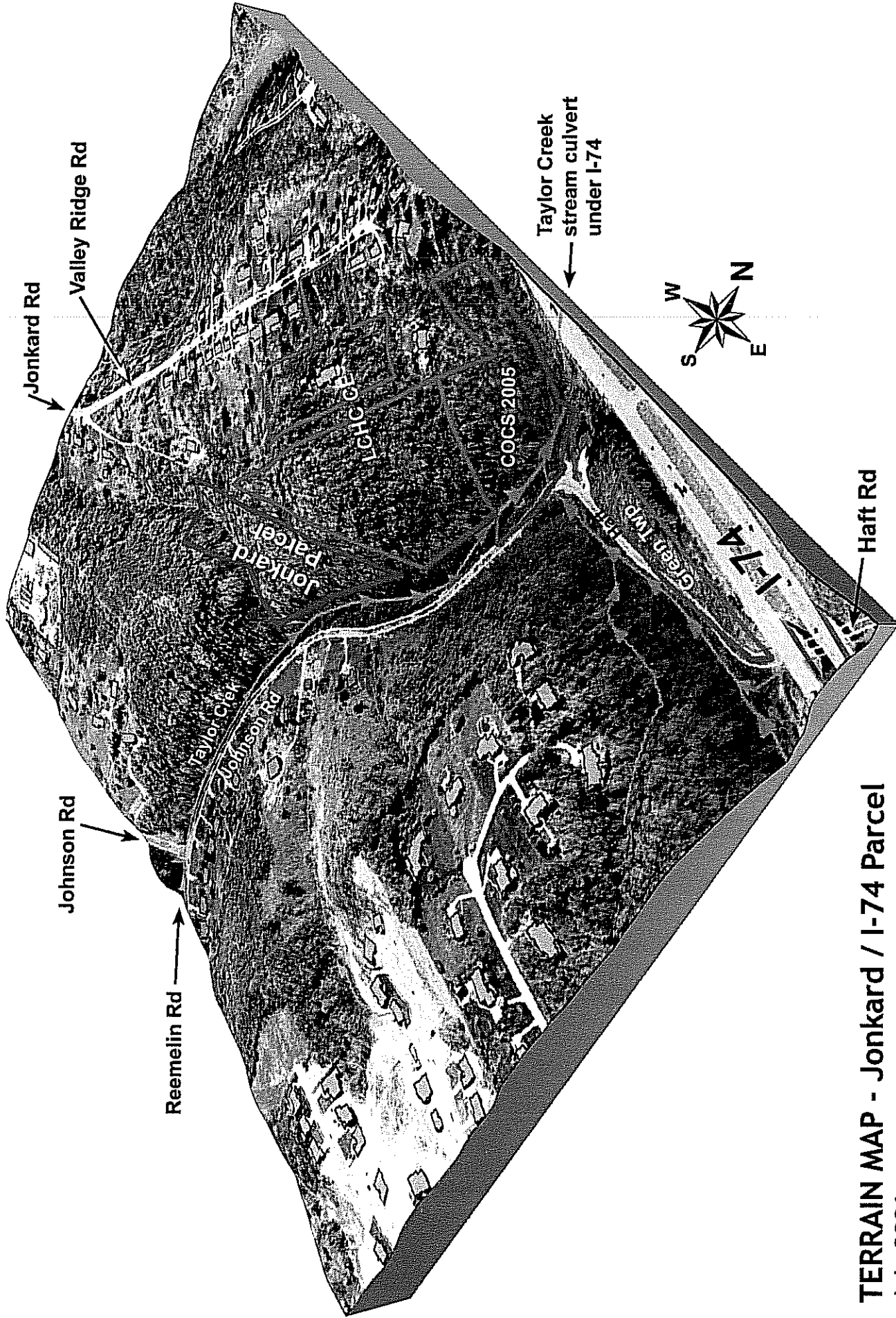
By: 
~~KEVIN CELAREK~~ *Deputy, Board of*
~~Township Administrator~~ *Trustees*

GREEN TOWNSHIP FISCAL OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the amount required in 2006 to meet the agreement, contract, obligation, or expenditure for the above has been lawfully appropriated or authorized or directed for such purpose and is in the Treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of the General Fund free from any obligation or certification now outstanding.

Dated: July 11, 2006


Thomas J. Straus
Fiscal Officer, Green Township



TERRAIN MAP - Jonkard / I-74 Parcel
July 2006

Jonkard Parcel

Slope Map

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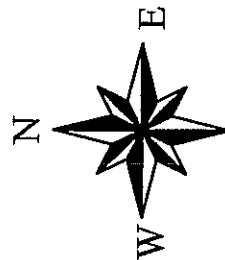
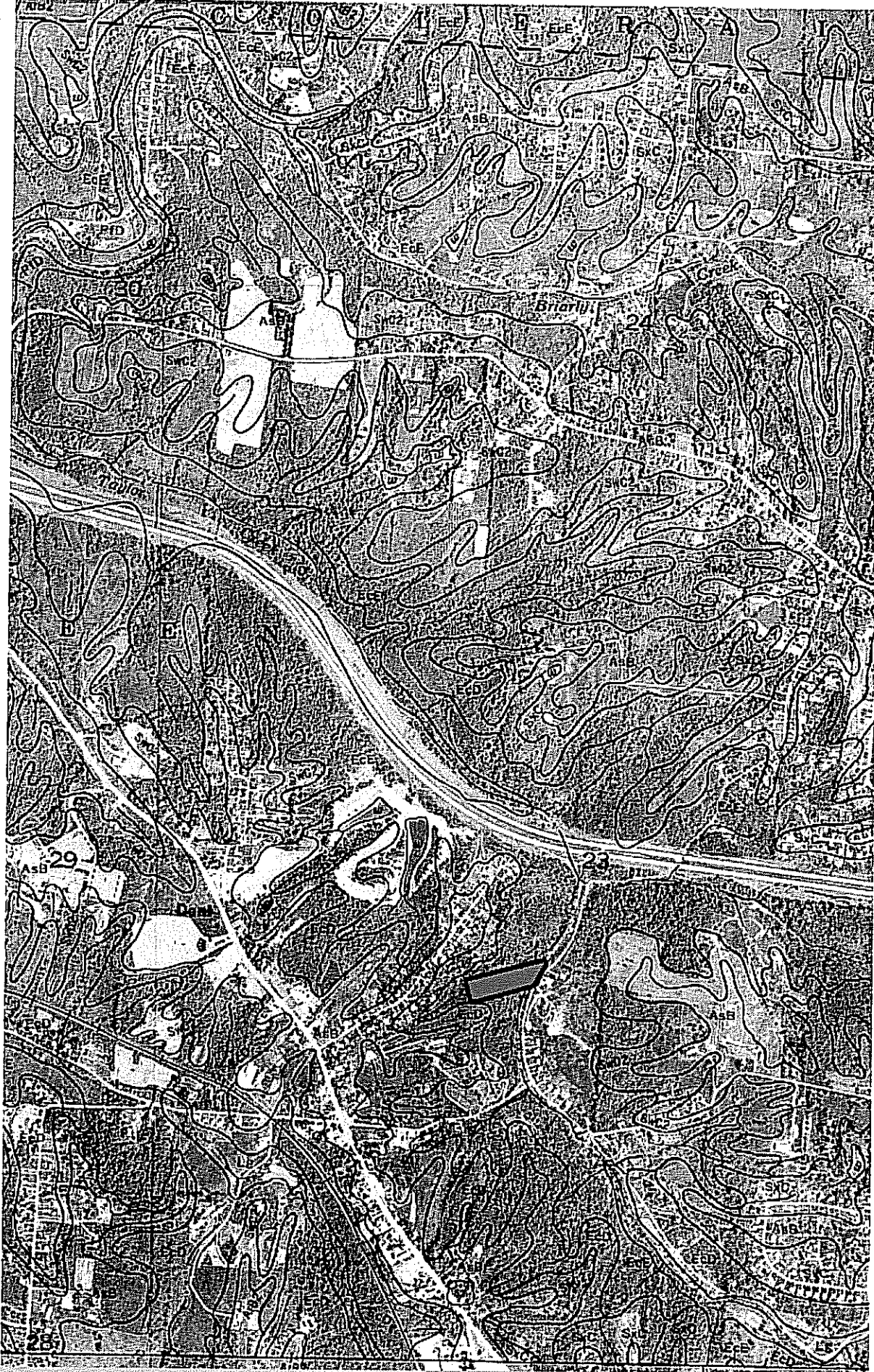


Exhibit 3B



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Jonkard Parcel

Soil Map

Sheet 27
Soil Survey
Hamilton
County
Ohio

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Exhibit 4A

Jonkard Parcel Soil Map

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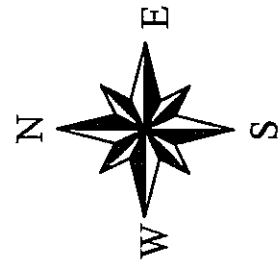
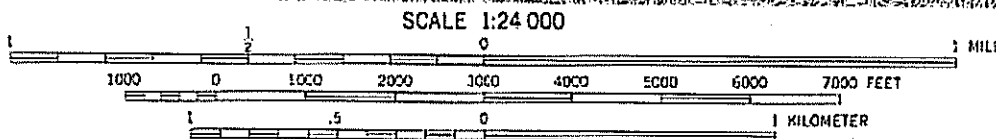


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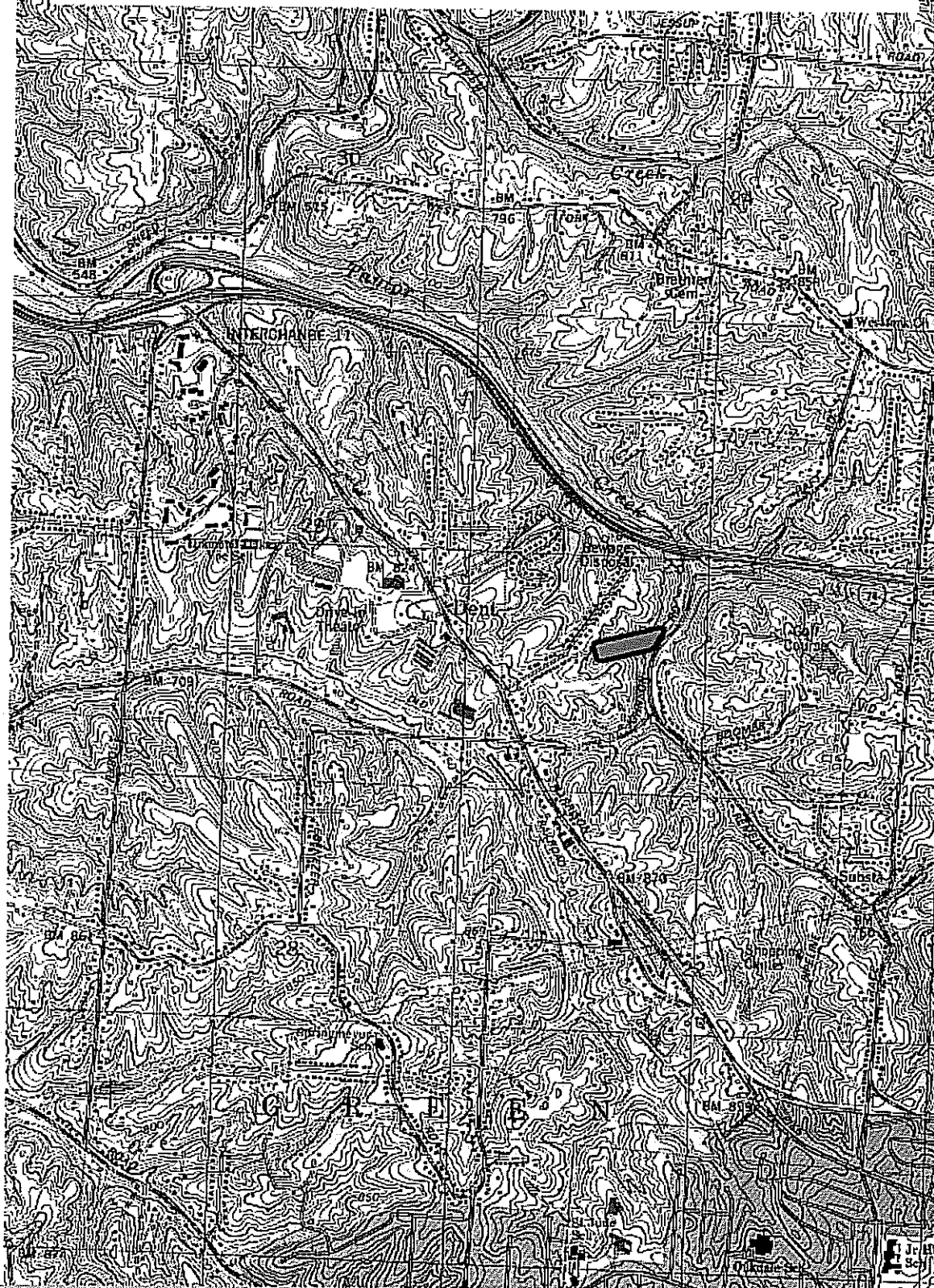


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Jonkard Parcel

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Ohio-Kentucky



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Exhibit 5A

Jonkard
Parcel
2'
Contours

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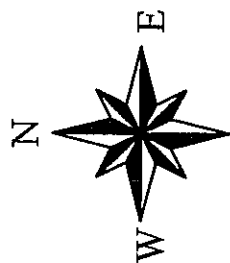
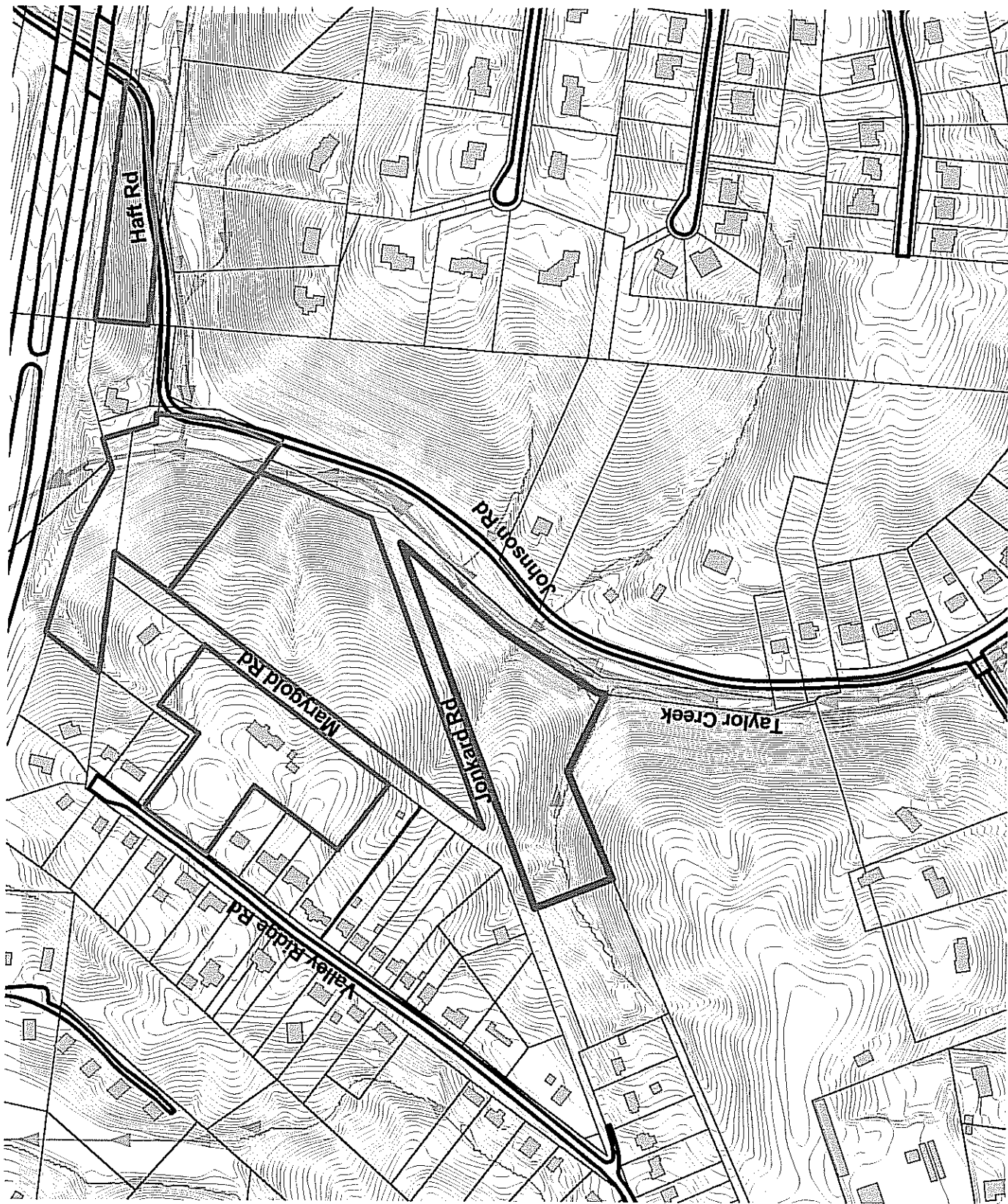


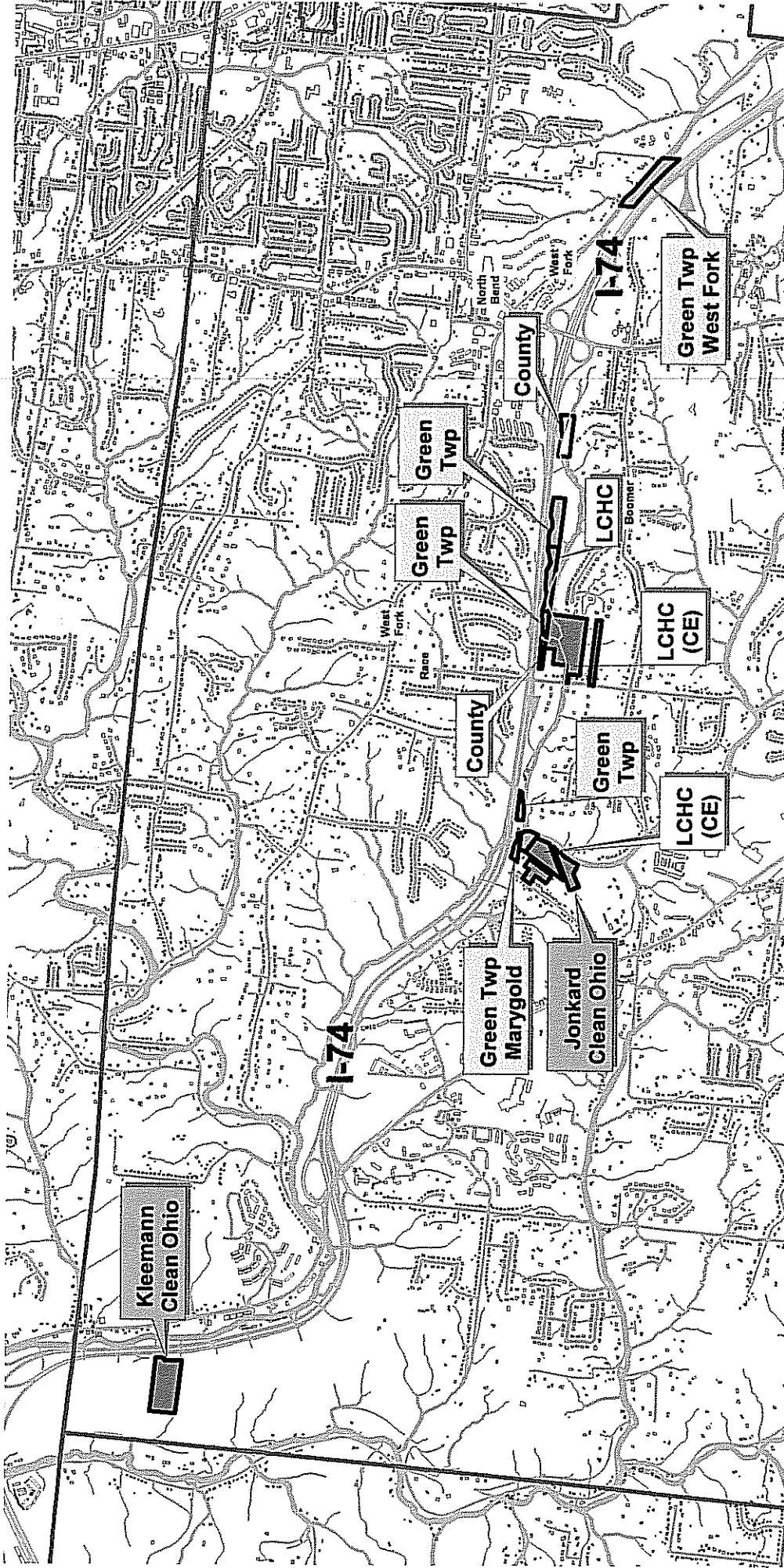
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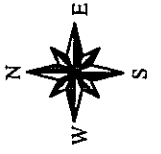
I-74 Scenic Greenway

Proposed Clean Ohio Fund applications July 2006:
I-74, Harrison Av, Green Twp.



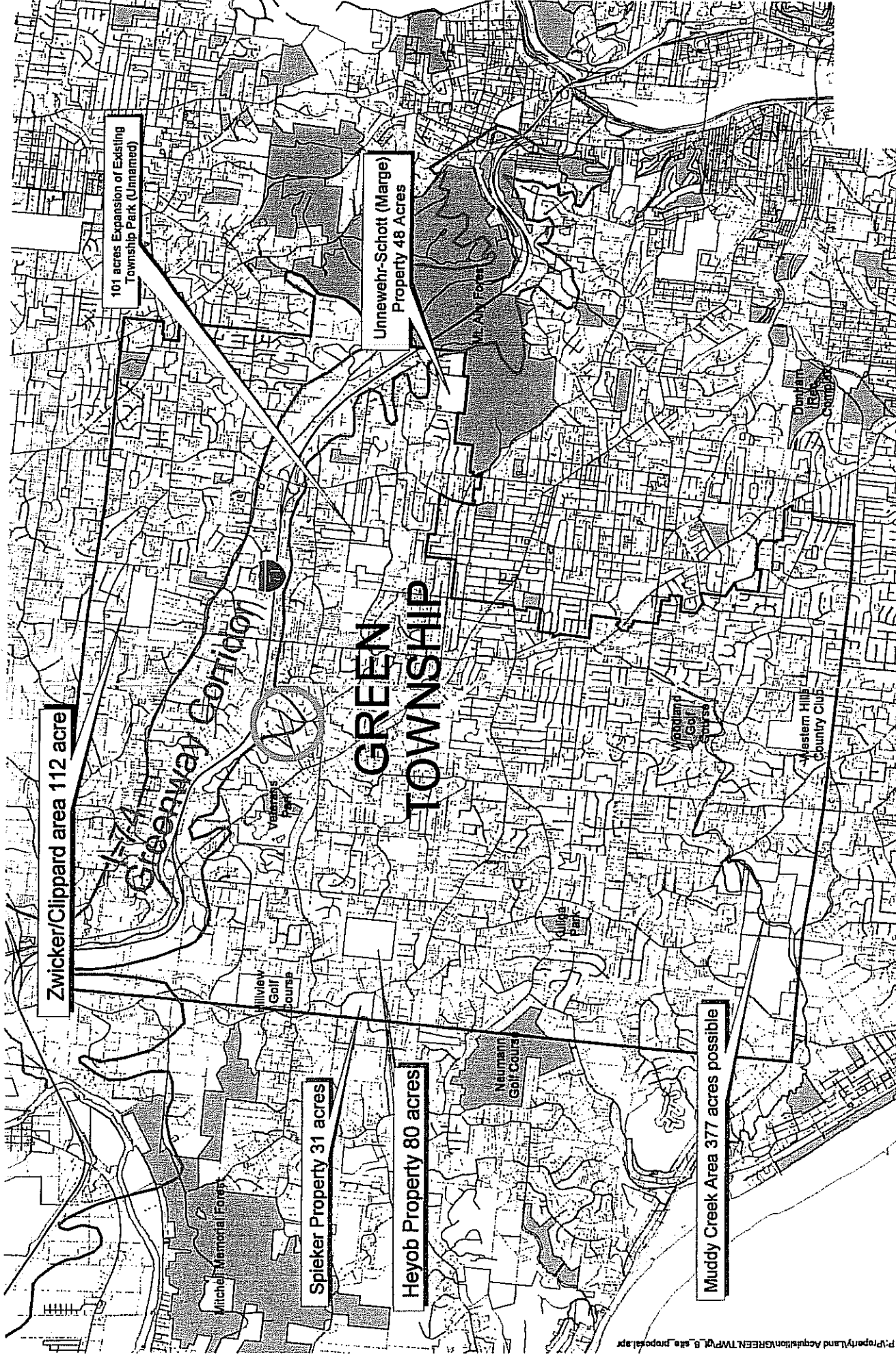
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Proposed
Applications



July 2006

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GREEN TOWNSHIP GREENSPACE PLAN

Future Greenspaces



Jonkard / I-74 Parcel



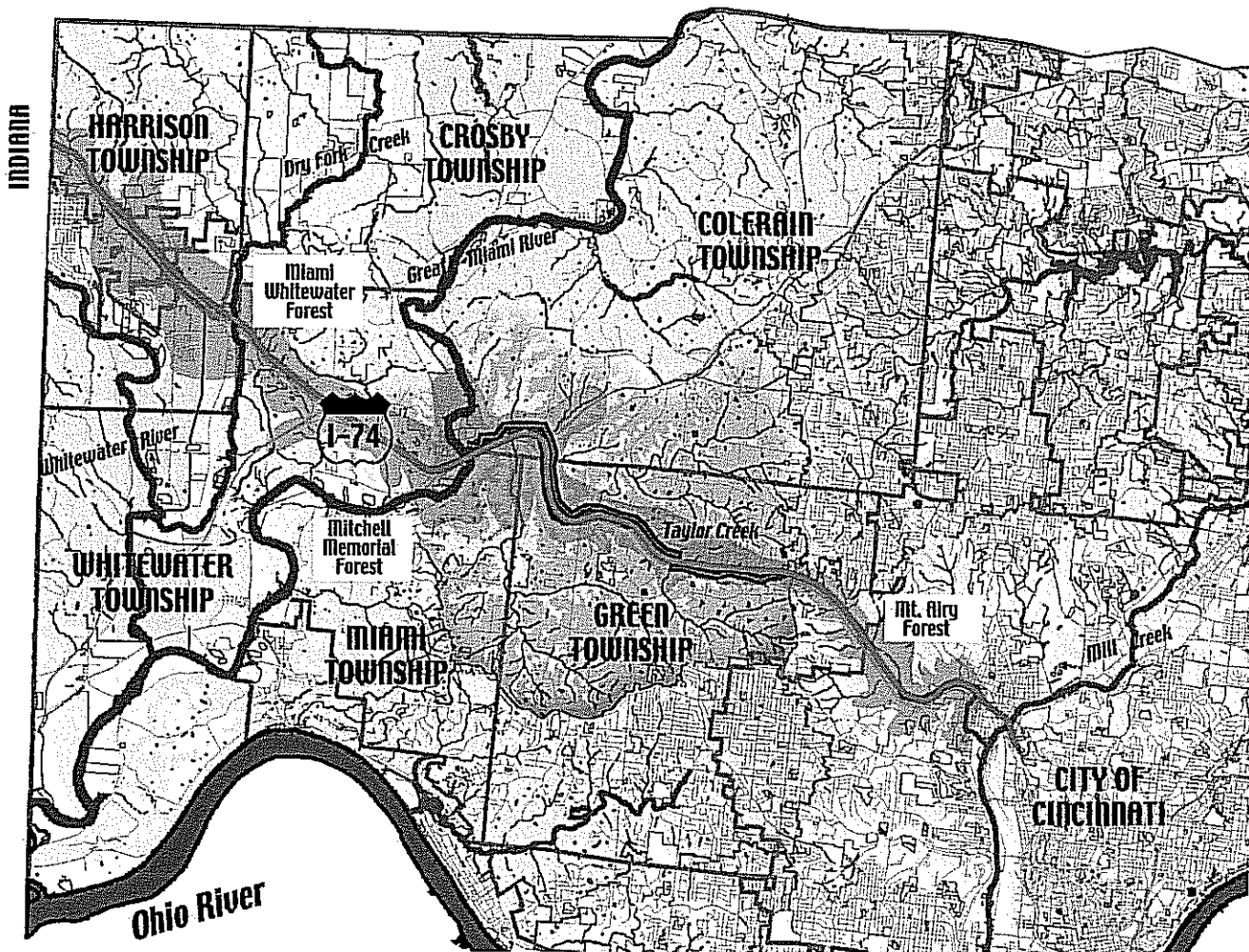
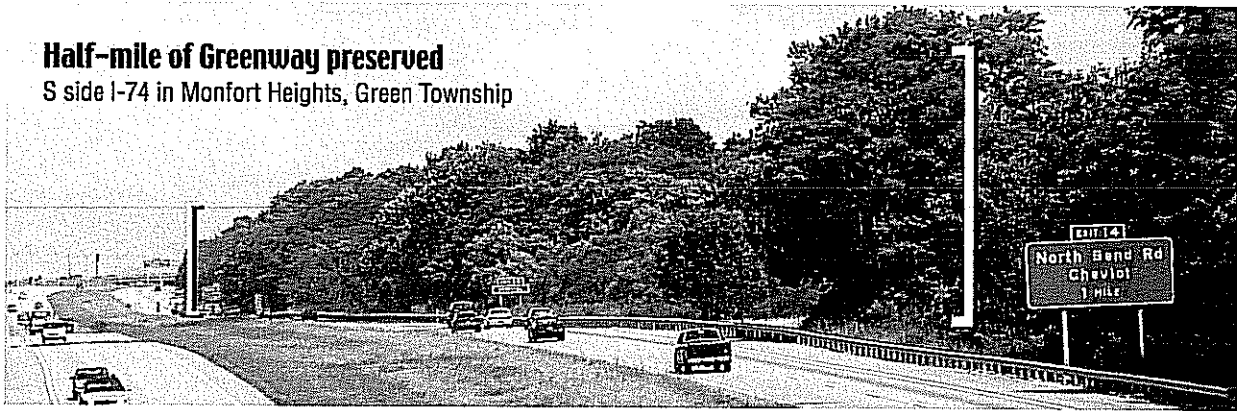
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THE I-74 GREENWAY PROJECT

in western Hamilton County, Ohio

Half-mile of Greenway preserved

S side I-74 in Monfort Heights, Green Township



MAP OF WATERSHEDS
of western Hamilton County, Ohio

Interstate 74: RED line through
I-74 Greenway (light GREEN)

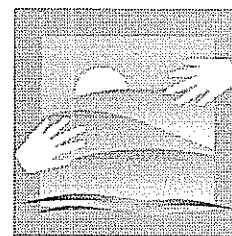
THE LAND CONSERVANCY
OF HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

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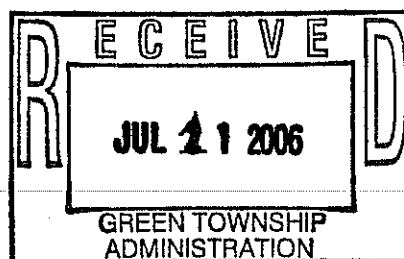
5200 Race Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45247 TEL (513) 574-1849
FAX (513) 574-2981 WEBSITE www.LandConservancyHC.org



Member
LAND TRUST ALLIANCE
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July 11, 2006

Green Township Board of Trustees
Mr. Charles Mitchell
Mr. Anthony Upton
Ms. Tracy Winkler



Dear Trustees Mitchell, Upton and Winkler:

We gratefully support your application to the 2006 Clean Ohio Conservation Fund to purchase and protect the 4.7-acre Jonkard Lane parcel in the I-74 Greenway. We appreciate your financial contribution to provide the local match.

This forested, scenic parcel is endangered by proposed development. The entire parcel is a steep hillside that descends toward the south branch of Taylor Creek along Johnson Road. Its proximity to three adjacent preserved properties would protect almost a half-mile of riparian corridor along Taylor Creek's converging streams at Johnson and Haft Roads.

The I-74 Greenway project, initiated in 2001, is our ongoing conservation effort. This new highly-visible hillside parcel will add a key section of forested land to Green Township's protected properties.

On behalf of the Board and members of the Land Conservancy, and all the citizens of Green Township, thank you most sincerely for your efforts in applying to the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund to protect this land.

Yours truly,

Roland Johnson
President

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Land conservation protects our natural heritage and benefits our quality of life

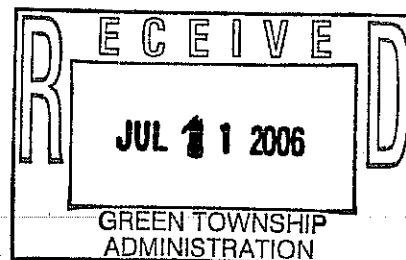
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Board of Park Commissioners
NANCY R. HAMANT • ROBERT A. GOERING • JAMES E. BUSHMAN
Director JACK SUTTON

July 3, 2006

Charles Mitchell, Anthony Upton and Tracy Winkler
Att: Mr. Kevin Celarek, Administrator
Green Township
6303 Harrison Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45247-6498



RE: 2006 Clean Ohio Conservation Program Applications

Dear Kevin:

I am writing to express support by the Hamilton County Park District for Green Township's application for 2006 Clean Ohio Conservation Program funds. I understand you are partnering in the application with The Land Conservancy of Hamilton County, and the parcel you are proposing to purchase is the Jonkard Lane 4.765-acre wooded hillside parcel is visible from Johnson and Haft, and I-74. We understand the project includes:

Jonkard Lane – This 4.765-acre wooded hillside parcel is visible from Johnson and Haft and located in the I-74 Greenway and it is for sale by Huff Realty with sewer available.

The parcel that Green Township proposes to purchase is within the I74 corridor, an area that has been identified by the Park District as a high priority area for preservation of greenspace. The views of the forested hillsides within the corridor are a unique natural feature enjoyed by the citizens of Hamilton County and visitors to this region.

The Hamilton County Park District supports your proposed partnership to protect greenspace within the I-74 corridor.

Sincerely,

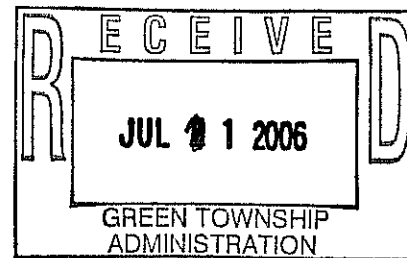
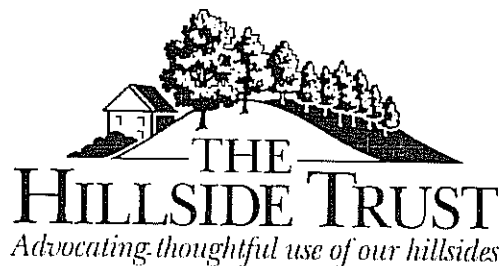
Rick Johnson
HAMILTON COUNTY PARK DISTRICT

cc: Mr. Jack Sutton, Director, HCPD
Mr. Ross Hamre, Planning Director, HCPD

MISSION STATEMENT

"To preserve and protect natural resources and to provide outdoor space"

Exhibit 9B



July 5, 2006

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ADAM PARRILLO

Green Township Trustees

Mr. Anthony Upton, Mr. Charles Mitchell, Ms. Tracy Winkler

Attn: Mr. Kevin Celarek

Green Township Administration Building

6303 Harrison Ave

Cincinnati, OH 45247

Dear Kevin:

I am providing this letter in support of Green Township's newest applications to the Natural Resource Advisory Council's (NRAC) Clean Ohio Fund, seeking financial assistance for the acquisition of two pieces of hillside property along I-74.

Similar to previously successful NRAC applications you have made, both parcels are located within the scenic I-74 Greenway. The first parcel, the 12.648-acre Kleeman property, is a landmark hillside with steep slopes and scenic ridge, visible from eastbound I-74 and from Harrison Avenue. The other parcel, 4.765-acre Jonkard Lane, is also a steep hillside visible from Johnson and Haft Roads, and is part of a riparian corridor that falls within the Great Miami River Watershed.

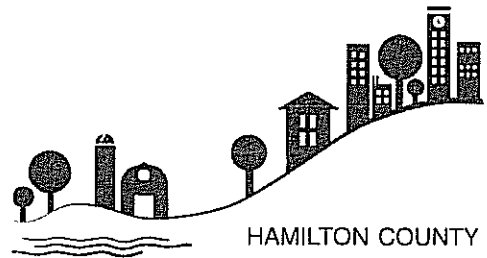
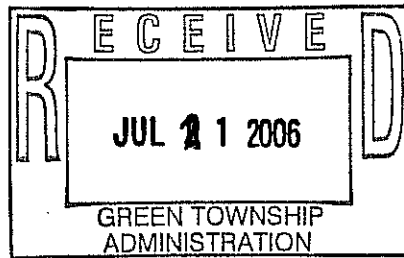
The Hillside Trust is pleased to see another 17+ acres of hillside property added to the growing list of preserved lands within the publicly-recognized I-74 Greenway. We wholeheartedly endorse Green Township's efforts in this capacity, and wish you all the success in your endeavors.

Sincerely,


Eric Russo

Executive Director

Exhibit 9C



July 6, 2006

Green Township Trustees: Charles Mitchell,
Anthony Upton and Tracy Winkler
6303 Harrison Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45247

soil and water

CONSERVATION

Dear Trustees Mitchell, Upton and Winkler,

DISTRICT

On behalf of the Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District, I am writing to enthusiastically support Green Township's plans to acquire a new parcel on Jonkard Lane to augment the I-74 Scenic Greenway Plan. This seems like an ideal project for the Clean Ohio Fund.

I have reviewed the Jonkard Lane 4.765-acre wooded hillside parcel. It is visible from Johnson and Haft, and located in the I-74 Greenway. It has both a steep hillside and a riparian corridor located right above Taylor Creek. The soils are EcE (highly erodible), and the slopes are 30 percent or greater throughout. It is located in the Great Miami watershed. This parcel meets Clean Ohio Fund requirements for both Open Space and Riparian Corridor acquisitions.

You are all to be commended for having the foresight to preserve this irreplaceable natural area. The collaboration on this Greenway project between Green Township, the Hamilton County Park District and the Land Conservancy of Hamilton County is inspiring. This is a great example of how government and community organizations should cooperate to retain the character of their community.

Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District will be happy to join your partnership by supplying any technical expertise you need. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Holly Utrata-Halcomb
Administrator

29 Triangle Park Drive

Suite 2901

Cincinnati, Ohio

45246 3411

513-772-7645

513-772-7656 FAX

Mission Statement - A public organization committed to assisting the citizens of Hamilton County through education, technical assistance and leadership to be stewards of our soil and water resources.

Exhibit 9D

JONKARD PARCEL PHOTOGRAPHS



1. Jonkard parcel viewing East from ravine.



2. Taylor Creek at foot of Jonkard Parcel *(right)*

3. Location of Jonkard parcel up to Valley Ridge along I-74 Scenic Greenway



4. Viewing W along I-74 Scenic Greenway up to Valley Ridge

JONKARD PARCEL PHOTOGRAPHS

5. View to West across Taylor Creek towards forested bank and ridgetop.



6. Southwest corner of Jonkard Parcel, recently surveyed by developer.



7. View to West of Jonkard Parcel South ravine upward from Taylor Creek.

